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Professor Ernest R. May John F. Kennedy School of Government Harvard University 79 JFK Street Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Professor May:

Thank you for taking the time today to discuss the future of the Assassination Records Review Board. As I mentioned, Board Member Dr. Anna Nelson suggested that I contact you about a letter of support. We appreciate your willingness to offer assistance as the Board seeks to obtain a one-year extension.

Per our telephone conversation and for your background, I am enclosing a two-page summary on the Board's work to date and what it would accomplish with an additional year. A letter from you to Chairman John R. Tunheim in support of the Review Board being allowed one more year of operations would be very helpful, as we continue to have discussions with Congress. Addressing the letter to Chairman Tunheim will save you the burden of having to send multiple letters to various Member of Congress.

Again, thank you for your assistance. Anything you can do in support of the Review Board continuing to operate through fiscal year 1998 is deeply appreciated by the Board members and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 724-0088, ext. 227, if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Samoluk, Esq. Associate Director

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p.s. -- Jeremy Gunn, the Review Board General Counsel, who you may recall was your Head Teaching Fellow for your course "Rise of American Power" in the early 1980's, gives his regards.